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admission in Vanakad Girls' School, three miles away from the locality. The Member then pointed out the difficulties in sending little children to a distant school and prayed that the disability in this direction might be removed.

Dewan's reply.—The matter should be reported to the Inspector.

Admission of Ealavas into the Sircar and Aided schools for boys and girls in the Shertallai taluk.

Mr. Govindan Kesavan (Member, Nominated) said that the Ealavas were not admitted in the schools in the Shertallai taluk, in spite of the Government order that all the schools should be opened to Ealavas as well. As an instance, he referred to the Shertallai Girls' School where Christian girls were admitted, but admission was refused to the Ealava girls.

Mr. Padmanabha Kymal (Member, Shertallai taluk), on being asked by the Dewan, said that the Girls' school referred to was near the temple and that the part of the road leading to the school was not open to the Ealavas.

Dewan:—The school may be removed away from near the temple.

The Member prayed that Ealavas should be admitted without hindrance in the following schools:—

1. Sri Narayanapuram School,
2. Vanivilasam School,
3. Nayar Samudayam School,
4. Lower Primary School, Kuthiathodu,
5. Saraswathi Vilasam School,
6. Vijnana Samvardhini School,
7. Mararikulam Girls' School, and
8. Sircar Girls' School, Shertallai.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

61. Inconvenience and want of freedom caused to the Pulayas in the matter of their education.

Mr. Aiyan Kali (Member, Nominated) said that, on behalf of his community, he thanked the Government for the kind help rendered to his people in the matter of admitting Pulaya boys in the Venganoor Elementary School. He then pointed out that only in 7 schools in South Travancore was admission now granted to the Pulayas and he urged the desirability of throwing open all the Sircar schools in the State to his people.

Dewan.—All schools which have been thrown open to Ealavas are also now open to Pulayas.

The Member further requested that special fee concessions should be granted to the Pulaya students and said that even the fee concession given to the Mahomedans, who

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were in every way far ahead of them, had not been allowed to them.

Dewan.—Are you not given the same concessions as the Mahomedans ? That can be done, I suppose.

The Member also submitted that the Pulayas might be appointed in the Educational, Engineering and Medical Departments and said that there were competant hands for work in the Education Department.

Dewan.—At any rate, they can be used for teaching their own children. Have you any Pulayas competent to teach ?

Member.—Yes.

Dewan.—You may give a list of such men to the Director.

The Member, in conclusion, pointed out the disabilities of the Pulayas in the matter of using the public roads and entering the public offices, in spite of the Royal Proclamation, and he urged that steps might be taken to remedy these grievances.

62. The extremely backward state of education among the Nanjinad Vellalas and how best to remove it.

Mr. Armugaperumal Pillai (Member, Agasteeswaram taluk) represented that the Vellala community of South Travancore were in a backward state in regard to education and that the want of education made them more and more litigious and poor. The people as a class were reluctant to study, and as such, unless the Government took the initiative in imparting education to them, their condition would become worse. The Member therefore suggested (1) that Elementary Education should be made compulsory among them, (2) that more Departmental Elementary Schools should be opened, in the two taluks of Agasteeswaram and Thovala, (3) that concessions in fees and stipends should be granted to the Vellala pupils in the existing institutions above Class IV, (4) that Vellala candidates with suitable qualifications should be preferred to others for Government employment, at least in Nanjinad, for a time, (5) that an Agricultural School, where Vellala youths can be trained in the modern improved methods of agriculture, should be opened and (6) that the study of Tamil should be made compulsory in all the schools of the locality.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Needs of Nanjinadians in the matter of their education.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Agasteeswaram taluk) said that the people of Narayanputhur, numbering about a lakh, were in urgent need of a school in their midst. More than 300 pupils of the place had to go to Kottar for their education. A school for the place had already been sanctioned, but had not been opened yet.

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